

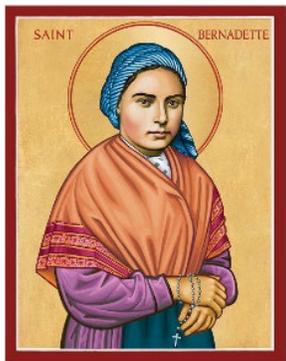
Sunday March 6, 2022 – 1st Sunday of Lent

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday

900am -12:30pm 1:30pm-3:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 9:30am to 1:30pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm – Sunday 8:30am 10:15am 12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 8:15am Wednesday 7:30pm

Saturday 9:00am (Begins with Devotions to St. Bernadette)

PARISH CONFESSIONS Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm Fridays 9:00-9:45am Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

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SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Mandatory Baptism Preparation offered virtually at this time.

Sacrament of Marriage ~ contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance and a priest will make an appointment with you.

Sacrament of the Sick ~ contact the Parish Office right away.

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Bernadette Elementary

Penny Delaney, Principal 905-683-0571

Agnes Sararus, Parish Rep 647-970-1978

St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary

Sheena Paul, Principal 905-426-7065

Linda Sarang, Parish Rep 416-523-2062

St. James Elementary

Manuela Michelin, Principal 905-427-3327

Jennifer Del Monte, Parish Rep 289-660-1810

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary

John Di Vizio, Principal 905-427-6667

Tim Lee Loy, Chaplain 905-427-6667

Notre Dame Secondary

Sonya Melim, Principal 905-686-4300

Jeannine Henry, Chaplain 905-686-4300

...from Our Pastor...



Dear Friends,

It's great to welcome you back, for those who feel more comfortable to attend Mass as the pandemic subsides and the restrictions are slowly being lifted. As we begin these forty days of Lent, we began on Ash Wednesday with many coming to receive ashes as together we seek to "Repent, and believe in the Good News! Friends, may this Lenten season be one of great spiritual growth for us all and we look forward to moving ahead and welcoming more and more of our parish family back in the days, weeks and months ahead of us. May God bless your week! I remain, faithfully yours...

Fr. Chris

For Our New Parishioners

If you are just joining our community, please click on "I'm New" on our parish website, come to the parish office or email office@stbernajax.com to set up a time to stop by. Our pastoral team members want to welcome you!

Keeping Our Community Together in Worship, Prayer & Fellowship

ALL ARE WELCOME

We welcome everyone who wishes to come for the Lord's Day (Sunday) Masses. We require you to:

- † DO NOT come if you feel unwell in any way or have been exposed to COVID-19
- † Wear a face mask covering your mouth, nose and chin
- † Frequently sanitize your hands

UPDATED PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS

Please note our updated guidelines:

- † We MUST follow health & safety guidelines, but we welcome everyone back to Mass!!
- † We will continue livestreaming our Sunday Mass.
- † We will conclude weekday livestreaming on Friday March 11, 2022.

WorshipSafe protocols will remain in effect.

FOLLOW on YOUTUBE (or Facebook)

Livestreamed Masses can be found on the link below

The link: <https://bit.ly/2HqxVRO>

[MARCH 6 – Sunday Livestream - 1015am](#)

[MARCH 13 – Sunday Livestream – 1200pm](#)

[March 20 – Sunday Livestream – 1015am](#)

Praying for Our People



We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, in particular for *Helen Clarke, Joan & Bert Leung, Roman & Vesna Zakrajšek, Nigel Boos, and Jean Villafuerte.*

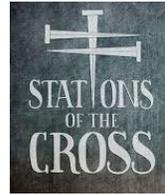
We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died from our parish, especially *Robert Sasvari, Gil Santo Domingo, Erman Mazzarolo.*

March Anniversaries

March 4th Carmen & Rudy de Vera (50 years)

Upcoming Events in the Parish

Stations of the Cross



Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate with us, the Stations of the Cross being held on Friday evenings during Lent. Please note the following ministries will be leading the Stations of the Cross:

- ✚ March 4 @ 700 pm – Knights of Columbus
- ✚ March 11 @ 730pm – CORE Team (Edge Leaders)
- ✚ March 18 @ 730pm – Legion of Mary
- ✚ March 25 @ 730pm – Edgers
- ✚ April 1 @ 700pm – Altar Servers
- ✚ April 8 @ 730pm – RCIA and leaders
- ✚ April 15 @ 930am – Good Friday (Stations of the Cross will be outdoors) with the Clergy, the Knights of Columbus, and the Altar Servers

Lenten Recollection



Once again, as we grow in our faith through Lent, we will be having a Parish Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday March 26, 2022, starting with Holy Mass (at 900am), and led once again by clergy & staff. Our retreat will once again be livestreamed on our Parish YouTube channel and will include several reflective short conference talks, followed by break-out sessions in the Parish Hall (including a virtual break-out group offered on Zoom). **Here is the link for registration** and we want to encourage **all parishioners (and friends too) to attend.**

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/pick-up-your-cross-lenten-day-of-recollection-tickets-278230373537>



Coffee with Andy



COFFEE with ANDY: Many of us are homebound right now, as we try to help curb the spread of the coronavirus, as well as colds and the various flu virus and to try to maintain our health and the health of others. We know that many members of our parish community aren't feeling comfortable to be in the church right now, and for this reason, we've started up "Coffee with Andy" as of Friday morning March 11th from 11:15am to 12:00pm, a virtual community gathering where we just get together and share faith and fellowship with one another. Thanks to a tech-savvy parishioner, we offer THIS LINK, which will remain the same for each Friday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85948378329>

Meeting ID: **859 4837 8329**

The Alpha Course



ALPHA (Coming Soon): On **Thursday March 24, 2022**, we will welcome the ALPHA program to St. Bernadette's. Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a

space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about life, faith, and Jesus. Since some of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted, we will meet in-person on March 24. We'd like to welcome parishioners and non-parishioners alike to this sharing of faith and friendship. There is no obligation or expectation here to become Catholic, but we simply desire to share our faith in Jesus as a community of disciples. We will also continue to ask for help from parishioners to facilitate this wonderful program! Please speak to Father Chris for more information.



Starting **Thursday March 17** at 7:00pm and then every third Thursday of each month, the **St. Bernadette Lectio Divina** group will meet in prayerful contemplation of the Scriptures. Lectio Divina is the Latin term for "Divine Reading" and so the focus of this prayerful encounter will be to enter into the Scriptures in a prayerful manner. This is not meant to be Bible Study but will deepen one's encounter with the Word made flesh. For more information on this, please email Coco Ego-Aguirre at coco.ego-aguirre@sympatico.ca

St. Bernadette Youth & Young Adult Pints with Padre (For our Young Adults)



PINTS with PADRE (Virtual Young Adults' Gathering): On **Friday March 18, 2022** at 7:00pm (we will be starting up a Young Adults gathering called "Pints with Padre". Our priests will host these

gatherings every other Friday for our young adults to chat about faith and issues important to young people in the world today. Please mark this date in your calendar and stay tuned for a Zoom link and more information in bulletins and on the website in weeks ahead. We will start meeting virtually and will meet in-person when there is a consensus to do that.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85673331792>

Meeting ID: **856 7333 1792**



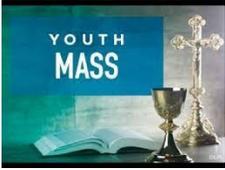
On Friday March 11, grades 5-8 youth are invited to join the excitement of a new EDGE Semester which will focus on the Mass! This dynamic program will help the youth engage more in the Mass and foster understanding through fun games, small group discussions, and activities. We meet in the parish hall at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Monika Matelski youth@stbernajax.com



Starting on Monday March 28 and every second & fourth

Mondays of each month, students from Grades 3 and 4 are welcome to sign up for **Junior EDGE**. This program will be in-person. Please email Monika at youth@stbernajax.com for more information or to sign up.

Sunday 700pm Mass



The Sunday 700pm Mass has been “transformed.” Last Sunday was our first Mass geared towards our younger parishioners and it was an enormous success. Our young people

are an important part of our parish and not a segment and we will always encourage our youngest members to serve in every way possible in the parish, but as we continue to look for new ways to develop and bring people closer to Jesus Christ, this will be one of the important steps our parish will take.

Fund Raising



St. Bernadette’s Fund-Raising Committee is busy and working hard. We continue to move forward with repairs and important maintenance and upgrade work to our parish

building, property, and assets. Our Fund-Raising Committee is looking for creative ways given the pandemic restrictions to raise funds and bring us together as a parish community. We thank them for their important service to the community! Please email Faizul & Vinette Rahim at faizulvinette64@gmail.com

Parish Bible Study



Starting March 9 to March 23, on zoom from 930am to 1100am, or from 700pm to 830pm, a three-week Biblical Study of the *Didache: The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*,

written around 70 AD will be presented. According to Early Church Fathers, it was an instruction manual and the first Catechism and one of earliest documents in Church History. The Book can be found here <https://legacyicons.com/content/didache.pdf> and is seventeen pages long. If you are interested in joining or for more information, contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

St. Bernadette Faith Formation



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA continues this week virtually, as the catechumens continue to journey towards full initiation into the Catholic Church. For the time being, the Dismissals and Breaking Open the Word will also be held virtually while we weather the storm of the coronavirus! **We continue to welcome new members ALWAYS!** If you are over the age of sixteen and are seriously considering becoming a Catholic Christian, please contact us. Please contact the Parish Office or email our RCIA Coordinator Marty Lam directly at drciaajax@gmail.com.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People

Andy, our Seminarian Assistant and a team of dedicated volunteers began the RCIA for Young People program to help prepare those under the age of sixteen to receive sacraments. Classes continue every Saturday from 10am until Noon and will continue until Saturday April 9th and then candidates will receive their sacraments on Saturday April 16th at the Easter Vigil. For anyone who missed registration but wishes to receive the Sacraments, please contact Father Chris directly.



Congratulations to all our candidates who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time! We continue to grow in relationship with Jesus through prayer and learning about the Eucharist.

We welcome our Confirmandi for their upcoming milestone in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation: during the 700pm Mass on March 20, March 27, and April 3, we will celebrate the Enrollment Masses during which the Confirmandi will receive their Confirmation crosses. We ask parents to check their emails regarding registration for these special Masses.

Around the Parish This Week...

Saturday March 5

900am Mass
1000am Parish Cleaning
1000am Meditation (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
1100am Meeting with Ushers (Parish Hall stage side)
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday March 6 – 1st Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses

Monday March 7 – Saint Perpetua & Saint Felicity

815am Mass
930am Theology of the Body (Virtual)
1030am Mass Archbishop Denis O'Connor H.S.
600pm Baptism Preparation Class (Virtual)

Tuesday March 8 – Saint John of God

815am Mass
1000am Ministry with Maturing Adults (Virtual)
645pm Legion of Mary (Virtual)
730pm RCIA (parish hall)

Wednesday March 9 – Saint Frances of Rome

930am Bible Study (Virtual)
1000am Parish Cleaning
1130am Mass at Archbishop Denis O'Connor H.S.
630pm Parish Confessions
730pm Mass – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thursday March 10

815am Mass
600pm Militia Immaculata (Virtual)

Friday March 11

815am Mass and Adoration
900am Parish Confessions
930am Book Club (Virtual)
1115am Coffee with Andy (Virtual)
700pm Edge (Parish Hall)
730pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 12

900am Mass
1000am Parish Cleaning
1000am Meditation (Virtual)
1000am Rite of Christian Initiation of Young People (V)
100pm Funeral
200pm Junior Legion of Mary (Virtual)
400pm Parish Confessions
500pm Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday March 13 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Sunday Masses
200pm Baptisms

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday March 5

500pm Repose of the soul of Lina Coelho

Sunday March 6

830am Repose of the soul of Alan Yue
1015am Repose of the soul of Matthew Moore
1200pm Missa pro populo (mass for the people)
500pm Repose of the soul Herman Navarra
700pm Repose of the soul of Maureen Anne Boward

Monday March 7

815am For the intention of the Bonair Family

Tuesday March 8

815am Repose of the soul of Margaret & Joe McPhee

Wednesday March 9

730pm ~ Repose of the soul of Elias El Khoury
~ In thanksgiving to the immaculate heart of Mary for gifts received
~ Repose of the soul of Richard Pedrozo
~ Repose of the soul of Maria & Sam Di Ciero
~ Repose of the soul of Robert Sasvari

Thursday March 10

815am Repose of the soul of Frank Tanfara

Friday March 11

815am Repose of the soul of Alice Aruldoss

Saturday March 12

900am ~ Repose of the soul of James Carey
~ Repose of the soul of Ralph Edwards
500pm Repose of the soul of Mohammad-Ali Mahmodani

Sunday March 13

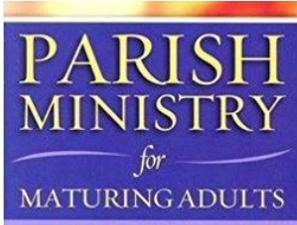
830am Repose of the soul of Alan Yue
1015am Repose of the soul of Winnifred Mortley
1200pm Repose of the soul of Juliette Khouzam
500pm Repose of the soul of Noli Sagadraca
700pm Repose of the soul of Walter Wendel Jr. Pyle



Parish Ministry Fair Page

The Parish is open, and we look forward to being with one another again in person when that is possible. Many of our ministries operate virtually now and will gather as soon as that is possible. In the meantime, we are dedicating a page to an ongoing Ministry Fair. Please consider getting involved!

Ministry with Maturing Adults



This ministry supports the spiritual growth and faith development of men and women in the second half of life (50+).

The next meeting of the MMA will be on March 8th from 1000am to 1200pm on ZOOM. Topics discussed at this gathering:

- Scams (different kinds, and how to recognize them).
- Legal options for those who have fallen victims to scams.
- Elder abuse. How to foster a trusting relationship with law enforcement officers.

Speakers will be social workers from Seniors Support Unit, Region of Durham Police Services. If you would like to be included in our mailing list, please contact Anne Nazareth at ajbnazareth@yahoo.ca

St. Bernadette's Book Club



For those who enjoy reading, as a group, we reflect upon good Catholic books, with an emphasis on Catholic belief, practice, spirituality, and history. This can help us to grow spiritually, evangelize and understand our faith as well. Hopefully, we share our experience and faith with others who help us see things differently.

We will be reading *Reclaiming Vatican II: What it (really) Said, What it means, and How it Calls Us to Renew the Church*, by Fr. Blake Britton. Starting on March 25 for six sessions to April 29 from 900am to 1100am on Zoom. Cost of the book \$30 dollars. This is an important book, and it fosters a richer experience of being in the Church.

Contact Susan or Tom Kennedy 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Bible Study



"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Why study the Bible?

- To learn who God is and recognize his voice
- To know Jesus Christ, to see and follow Him
- To gain wisdom and love the Lord

St. Bernadette's Bible Study is held on Wednesday mornings from 930am to 1130am. At the present time we are studying, *"The Great Adventure Series"* (Ascension Press), with one study in September and another in January, finishing around Easter. Study Guides are important to these courses as they help prepare for each session, but optional. We meet in small groups, after which we gather together to watch a Video presentation on the topic at hand.

One member stated that *"Now I understand what is going on during the Scripture readings at Mass."* What a blessing!!

For more information contact: Susan Kennedy – 905-427-6137 or susangkennedy@gmail.com

Altar Servers



"Not only a duty but a great honour, a true holy service" (St. Pope John Paul II)

The altar server ministry is a great place for young people to begin a life of service, of Christian Discipleship. It is a wonderful gift of service to your community, for your parents, relatives and friends.

For the past three months, our altar servers have been doing a magnificent job. They have been given the necessary training and have been serving at our masses, but we still need more boys and girls. If you have received your First Holy Communion, you can be an altar server.

If you are interested in becoming an altar server or have any questions, please speak to the priests, or email Mark Sarang at mark7119@gmail.com. Thank you!